Free State Fly Fishers Unicorn Pond Outing

When: Saturday December 14, 2019

Where: Unicorn Pond, Millington, Maryland

Outing Coordinator: Rich Batiuk 410-507-0785 richbatiuk@gmail.com

Meeting Time/Location and Directions for Car Pool or "Caravan": Meet at the Bay Bridge Shopping Center just prior to the Bay Bridge in the parking lot at 8:30 AM. If you plan on meeting there or if you are going directly to the pond please let Rich know so we can get a good head count.

Directions to the Fishing Location: Take Route 50/301 east across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. Continue east on Route 50/301 to Route 301 North. Right on Route 544 McGinns Road followed by a left onto Route 313 Sudlersville Millington Road and then a right onto Fish Hatchery Road all the way to the end for the parking lot and ramp.

Species of Interest: chain pickerel with possibility of catching yellow perch, white perch, crappie, largemouth bass, and bluegill.

Equipment Needed:

- **Fly rods** from 6-8 weight to enable you to easily cast Clousers or other large weighted flies or flies with large wind resistant bodies.
- **Fly lines:** Recommend having access to floating, intermediate fly lines and/or floating line with 10' sink tip. The Pond is shallow, but we will be fishing some deeper sections and you will need to get your flies down 3-5 feet.
- **Leaders:** Be sure to have a 25-30 lbs. bite tippet at the end of your leader—6-8 inches is sufficient. Pickerel have sharp teeth and will easily cut through normal leader material.

Recommended Flies: Clouser minnows, bullet head flies, large crystal buggers and your favorite pickerel flies in hook sizes 2 through 1/0 for targeting pickerel.

License Required: Maryland State Fishing License.

Trip Logistics and Fishing Information: <u>Launch Ramp/Shore Fishing</u>: There is a place to launch kayaks and canoes, at the end of the parking lot. Shore line fishing is available at the pond and at and below the spillway.

Lunch: There are no restaurants near Unicorn Pond, however, there are numerous places near Kent Narrows and along Route 50 so we can discuss lunch plans at the pond.

On all FSFF sponsored outings, please do be safe out there as it is your responsibility to stay within your capabilities and practice water safety at all time. Check with the above listed outing coordinator for more information on the fishing conditions if you have any concerns or questions. Always wear your PFD and given water temperatures will be below 60 degrees, please have a plan to protect yourself from cold water immersion hazards should you fall in. Most importantly, enjoy the fellowship of your fellow members through fly fishing and tight lines!